

## PARISH REPORT FOR October/November Kolve PARISH COUNCIL 2023

The report that I am writing today has been adapted from my report to individual Divisions during October and lately November but is based on the same information I have received prior to these periods

I did manage to pick up some of the news (in September) about the flooding in and around the Division but have not heard anything in detail from Kolve

What the flooding issues brought to the fore is how interdependent we all are in West Somerset whilst we lack the infrastructure to move about. Only a little disruption on the A39 can slow the whole of the area down. The County pledged at Full Council on 27<sup>th</sup> September to bring forward a Section 19 Flood Report which should help our area. I will be looking forward to receiving this.

It is my duty as your Councillor to tell you that the finances of the County are desperate. I am amazed at the decision to carry on with the Octagon Theatre project in Yeovil, this involves figures in millions which could pay for our Social Care Budget at least twice over. I know that there is grant funding for some of the project but feel that they are prioritising on South Somerset whereas they should be looking at the whole of the County. I have just received the news that the ruling group is changing some of their Executive arrangement in light of the funding crisis. I will look forward to hearing all the detail and the rationale behind these moves.

All electors are being urged to register to vote, do not lose your vote. On this theme if your child is moving between schools in 2024 the website is now open until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

[www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/)

I know this is not actually in your Parish but it might impact yourselves. From Planning West November Resolved: That planning application 3/16/23/005 for the Change of use of land for a period of 3 years to allow the siting of caravans to accommodate Hinkley Point workers with the erection of an ablutions block at Land at Moorhouse Farm, Moorhouse Lane, Holford, TA5 1SP be GRANTED permission subject to the conditions listed in the Agenda report. (voting: unanimous in favour)

According to my records, you will be getting Councillor Davies to your meeting on Tuesday..

Councillor Rosemary Woods

Watchet and Stogursey Division

Somerset Council.

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023